(b) the details of ultra modern facilities available for sports persons for their training for international events particularly Commonwealth Games in Delhi in 2010; and

(c) the details of the new stadia being built across the country in this regard especially in the National Capital Territory?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) The tentative Plan Outlay for Sports and Physical Education as recommended by Planning Commission in their draft report on the 11th Five Year Plan, is Rs. 4237 crore.

(b) Sports Authority of India has the following five stadia in Delhi which are available to sportspersons for their training for international events including Commonwealth Games, 2010:

(i) Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium

(ii) Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium

(iii) Indira Gandhi Stadium Complex

(iv) Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee Swimming Pool

(v) Dr. Karni Singh Shooting Range

These stadia are being renovated/upgraded to match the latest international standards.

Apart from above, following new facilities are also being developed:

(i) Rugby 7's at Delhi University

(ii) Lawn Bowl at outer greens of Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

(iii) Net Ball at Thyagraj Stadium, New Delhi

(iv) Boxing at Talkatora Indoor Stadium, New Delhi

(total renovation of existing facilities)

(c) At present, no new stadia are proposed to be built with central assistance.

Participation in Beijing Olympics

1548. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indian sportspersons who would be participating in Beijing Olympics;

(b) the discipline in which they would be participating; and

(c) the budget allocated for the Beijing Olympics preparations?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) and (b) As of now, 23 sportspersons will be participating in 6 disciplines in Beijing Olympics 2008 as per the details given below :—

Shooting	9
Athletics	5
Archery	4

Boxing 2

Swimming 1

Wrestling 1

Table Tennis1

More players are likely to qualify. The final number of sportspersons will be known after all qualifying rounds are over.

(c) There is no separate budget allocated for Beijing Olympics However, preparations for winning more medals in all major international events, including the Beijing Olympics, is an on-going process and is based on the Long Term Development Plans (LTDP) prepared by the National Sports Federations NSFs. Government provides assistance to the NSFs for various activities such as holding national/international sports events in India, the participation of Indian sportspersons/teams in international sports events abroad, the engagement of national and international coaches and the procurement of equipment and consumables.

To address the specific coaching/training requirements of identified medal prospects, individual sportspersons are also being assisted directly by the Ministry for purchase of equipment, provision of scientific support and training and participation within country and abroad, under the 'Scheme relating to Talent Search & Training' and through the 'National Sports Development Fund'. The details of amount spent by Government under these schemes during the last three years are given below.

(Rs. in crores)

Sl.No.	Name of the Scheme	Amount released in		
		2005-2006	2006-07	2007-08 (till Jan'08)
1.	Scheme of Assistance to NSFs	38.67	34.08	43.08
2.	Scheme relating to Talent Search and Training	0.50	2.8	3.0
3.	National Sports Development Fund	0.48	0.96	0.88 released (Total sanctioned 2.20 cr)

Development of sports in Karnataka

1549. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of NGOs engaged in the development of sports in the State of Karnataka to whom financial assistance has been given by the Centra Government during 2005-06, 2006-07 and so far during 2007-08;

(b) the quantum of assistance given in each case, indicating the specific area of sports in which each organization is engaged, year-wise; and

(c) to what other use they are being diverted in case total funds meant for the programme are not being utilize fully?